



CALIFORNIA HIGH-SPEED RAIL: FRESNO STATION HISTORIC DEPOT RENOVATION AND PLAZA ACTIVATION PROJECT

The California High-Speed Rail Authority is applying for \$25.0 million from the Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) program for the Fresno High-Speed Rail Station Historic Depot Renovation and Plaza Activation Project. The total project cost is \$33.2 million and includes matching funds of \$8.2 million from Authority high-speed rail funds. The Project will restore a nationally registered historic passenger rail depot building, create a functioning park and plaza for early site activation efforts in anticipation of the future California High-Speed Rail station. The efforts will also integrate critical zero-emissions vehicle infrastructure into historically disadvantaged communities.

The Project will enhance underused and neglected spaces within the future Fresno high-speed rail station at the depot and adjacent to the Chinatown historic district. It includes building seismic and accessibility upgrades along with site enhancements to create more equitable, resilient, and active city spaces. In addition to building improvements, additional amenities will include:

- Transit and vehicle electric charging in a resilience hub;
- Solar power generation capacity;
- Bicycle and scooter parking;
- Restored tree canopy and new shade structures;
- Improved stormwater management;
- Park and plaza space for public activities;
- Lease space opportunities; and
- Improved fencing and perimeter security.

This work is a critical first step to restore the site for passenger rail service. Improvements will provide community venue space and activate both sides of the broad station site prior to initiating high-speed rail passenger service on the Merced to Bakersfield line later this decade. The project restores existing facilities and will provide early community benefits prior to construction of station platforms and infrastructure.

This grant application is part of an on-going federal-state partnership that, to date, has provided approximately \$25.2 billion in funding for California High-Speed Rail (\$21.7 billion / 85% state, and \$3.5 billion / 15% federal). California is the only state to have committed this level of funding to modernizing rail, and the Authority is asking the federal government to match this level of commitment with strong grant support to the project with Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act funding.



An illustration of the future Historic Depot Plaza



Aerial view of Historic Depot